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-ARTHUR C. CLARKE

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# Ivan Sanderson

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## UFOLOGY

In just on 40 years of active involvement in this curious business, we have become persuaded to a number of concepts or, as Charles Fort called them, "acceptances". These were completely contrary to the persuasions of others who got into this field only after the post-World-War-II outburst in this country. Starting in 1948, we found, somewhat to our amazement that the enthusiasts, and almost to a man, were stuck with the notion that all these things were (1) of extraterrestrial origin, (2) machines or constructions but that (3) for some extraordinary reason they could not have occupants! In no case did we ever hear of, in this country or Canada, even a recognition of a number of much wider implications and more basic questions that had been asked about this phenomenon for centuries in the Old World and in Latin America. The mere mention of such concepts was enough to provoke howls of derision from all parties who were even vaguely interested in the matter, including officialdom and 'sciencedom', and, most curiously, the mystics.

The first of these concepts, and the most ancient, was that unidentified and unexplained objects seen in the sky were of wildly multiple form, and displayed a bewildering variability of behavioural patterns. Second, that just about the only feature they did tend to display in common, was their ability to appear and disappear at any speed — time-wise — up to the ultimate, meaning instantaneity — in turn, of course, meaning an ability to teleport. Third, whether there be intelligent life with corporeal bodies on other gross bodies in our universe or not — i.e. we being unique in this respect — the possibility of the existence of intelligent non-corporeal bodies has for centuries been taken under advisement. Fourth, nobody except the North American saucerians and ufologists ever for a moment questioned the possibility, if not the reality, of the existence of other universes; or, in Einsteinian phraseology, space-time continua. Every religion, including even science and communism, has always contended that there is an inter-relationship between our continuum and at least one other, if not with many others; while the Gautama Buddha reached the conclusion long ago that we are in touch with and influenced by an infinity of other existences.

All of this and the millenia of thought that had gone into it in the Old World; and apparently among the indigenes of Central and South America (and, it seems, among our North American Amerinds) was either totally unknown to this new breed, calling themselves 'ufologists', or was deliberately ignored by them. At the same time, their ignorance of the findings of modern, 'western', pragmatic, mechanistic science was not just abysmal but virtually total. You don't have to be an Oriental to conceive of infinity, though it does come hard to a westerner; but without this capability you will never be able to understand the ultimate findings of even our own pragmatic science. How can one expect ufologists — though perhaps not saucerians — to grasp the significance of Parapsychics in view of this their ignorance and their almost pathological denial of anything that they have not accepted?

Most curious of all, is the fact that it has been those whom we call, and usually rather scathingly, the mystics who have come closest to reality, though their interpretations have always been, and still are, all wet. But they cannot be blamed because they lacked, until very recently indeed, the ultimate and most essential tool to work with — namely, pragmatic, physical science. In the immutable progression of discovery and understanding, this 'tool' comes last. Imagination comes first, then belief, then theorising but the whole exercise is worthless if you can not test your theories. This is actually all that science does.

In the case of UFOs, pragmatic scientists have run into a block that — if they are technological scientists — they cannot overcome. However, if they are philosopher scientists, this hurdle becomes merely a challenge. What has happened to so-called "ufology" is that it has reached a point where our presently accepted technology has bailed, and if we are going to probe further into the mystery, our materialistic technology will have to be expanded into fields presently unimagined by it.

This has been done in the Russian sphere, as is so simply and explicitly explained in the book we have advised reading: namely, Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain, by Sheila Ostrander and Lynn Schroeder. As we have also said before, there have been other break-throughs, but coming from the hardboiled realm of straight western science. The classic example will in time be Jacques Vallee's Passport to Magonia. Now comes an equally hard-boiled straight (originally) newsman with just the same answer. I refer to John A. Keel's UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse.

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# MEDICAL

## Part 2

### ASPECTS OF NON-EVENTS

**PSEUDO-EPILEPSY:** One of the most common <sup>P</sup>symptoms of the contactee syndrome is the involuntary, unconscious convulsive seizure which produces muscular soreness and migraines, sometimes lasting for weeks after the experience. Victims of hallucinosis can suffer repeated attacks after each new hallucination. Specific areas of the brain are affected and these seizures, and all the accompanying effects, are well-known to medical science. It is apparent that most- if not all- contactees undergo dramatic in the forefront of changes the brain, possibly induced by electro-magnetic waves from an exterior source.

Recently we were involved in a case in Forest Hills, N.Y. in which a 12-year-old girl began to experience hallucinosis followed by mental blackouts and many of the common symptoms of jacksonian seizures. She underwent extensive medical and psychiatric examinations and the attending doctors discovered she often blacked out when in the presence of fluorescent lighting. Their rather far-out conclusion was that the girl's brain was "tuned" to the same wave length as such lights and their radiation directly interfered with her mental processes. The girl frequently saw, and conversed with, beings whom she described as resembling Indians. She saw these apparitions in the family kitchen and in school. Fluorescent lighting was used in both places. Interestingly enough, her mother also saw these apparitions on a number of occasions but claimed they were diminutive. The girl said they were of normal size and form. The family has now moved, convinced that their old home was "haunted". The girl's seizures have diminished since she now avoids rooms with fluorescent illumination.

We first became aware of the pseudo-epileptic effect during our investigation into the peculiar events around Cherry Hill, N.J. in 1966. In that case, the principal witness, a healthy young Karate instructor with no history of convulsive seizures, suddenly collapsed. It was while he was being returned from the hospital that he and three others saw a gigantic object hovering above an RCA factory in Cherry Hill. We have dealt with many similar cases since.

Often witnesses to low-level UFO activity later complain of muscular soreness. They recall being transfixed or paralysed, but they rarely recall any period of unconsciousness. Careful interrogation, however, usually indicates that they suffered a mental blackout ranging from a few seconds to several hours. This produces the well-known time lapse effect. Cryptomnesia is another frequent result.

The Flying Saucer Review recently discussed an intriguing event in Finland in which two young men suffered these classic medical effects, together with actinic ray burns. (FSR- Vol. 16- nos. 3 & 4)!

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CONVULSIVE SEIZURES

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TABLE 32

FOCAL MANIFESTATIONS OF CONVULSIVE SEIZURES AND SITES OF THE CEREBRAL DYSFUNCTION

Focal Manifestation	Site of Dysfunction
Localized twitching of muscles (Jacksonian seizure)	Frontal lobe (motor cortex)
Localized numbness or tingling	Parietal lobe (sensory cortex)
Chewing movements or smacking of lips	Anterior temporal lobe
Auditory hallucinations	Posterior temporal lobe
Visual hallucinations (formed images)	Temporal lobe
Visual hallucinations (flashes of light)	Occipital lobe

Numerous other cases have been discussed superficially in the UFO literature. Unfortunately, thorough medical examinations and investigations have been rare and few researchers have made any effort to study the available medical literature. Comparisons of known UFO effects with this literature can be most fruitful.

For many years now, parapsychologists have been studying the pineal gland's relationship to hallucinosis and psychic manifestations. It is probable that the same "source" or electro-magnetic influence which generates some psychic-type apparitions also produces most of the UFO contactee experiences. As you can see from the accompanying table (taken from the Merck Manual), those sections of the brain which produce the classic UFO/psychic effects are also the sections which control visual and audio perception.

The meaning is obvious. Images, sounds, and other sensory impressions could conceivably be introduced into the brain by an electro-magnetic wave which bypasses the normal channels. The remembered experience would not, therefore, be real in the usual sense of the term. An overcharge of this EM wave could produce a dilatorius effect and might even lead to a cellular breakdown...a possible explanation for the death by brain tumor of British contactee Arthur Bryant.

Percipients in religious miracles and visions traditionally suffer this pseudo-epileptic effect. The trance state followed by muscular soreness, etc. is common in all frames of reference. It would seem that purest form of this type of mental reconditioning is found in the cases of "mystical illumination" or "Cosmic Consciousness" (see the works of Dr. Bucke for details on this). More destructive variations occur in demonopathy. Schizophrenia is often induced in some percipients. A variety of chemical and emotional problems could be responsible for some cases. (See ANOMALY #2, page 25-).

## 2 Attacks in Yellowstone Linked to Different Bears

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont., Aug. 8 (AP)—An investigation shows that two bears mauled visitors to Yellowstone National Park in separate incidents.

The acting park superintendent, Vern Hennessey, said Wednesday that one of the problem bears had already been taken to a remote area of the park.

The latest victim of a serious bear encounter was Roy Hedlund of Half Moon Bay, Calif. He was mauled by a bear while he and his wife slept in a pup tent July 25.

A month earlier, James L. Freeman of Grants Pass, Ore., was attacked by a bear while walking with his brother.

## Boy Finds Moose Call Brings Animal on Run NYT 8/8/76

GRAND MARAIS, Minn. (AP)—Two 13-year-old boys, walking in the woods, spied a bull moose.

Steve Tillberry decided to try the moose call his father had taught him. It worked: the big animal charged them.

Steve and his companion, Darrell Johnson, shinnied up a tree and stayed there until they could hail an automobile that took them to safety.

## Guest is too

# Army team carried away in hotel abduction test

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A curious bellhop caught the Army practicing an abduction in Portland's Roosevelt Hotel.

George Lueck, the hotel employee, said he became suspicious and alerted other employees after he took three men dressed in dark suits to the eighth floor of the hotel Wednesday. They escorted a man from his room, took him to a waiting car, placed a cloth bag over his head and sped off.

The employees watched in disbelief, then called police.

Later, the man who had been abducted, Cecil P. Jones, returned to his room. Nothing happened during the two-day ordeal, he said.

He told hotel manager Richard F. Fertig he had been abducted by old fraternity brothers. But Portland police traced the incident to Army Intelligence.

Fertig, city police and newspapermen tried unsuccessfully to get a full explanation from the Army.

When the police found identification in Jones' room that indicated he was a lieutenant with Army Intelligence, they called the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI reported back that Jones and the other men were on a classified training mission.

Army Intelligence in San Francisco. He said if the abduction had come to public attention, it was "because the men involved got too carried away."

Fertig seemed to agree, saying: "I don't mind if the Army wants to train its men, but I don't appreciate public spectacles that have a sinister and clandestine overtones."

On Saturday it bothered hotel customers to see police and hotel employees gathered in the lobby to discuss the abduction.

"I don't know any more," the Army will say, Fertig said. "Things have been going on since I went to the academy."

## ESPIONAGE FROM THE AIR?

Paris, France, Oct. 30 (TT). According to the paper Petit Journal, a foreign airship of the Zeppelin-type passed over the artillery fortification at Salgris between Orleans and Paris on Monday night at 1 a.m. and a searchlight swept the ground. The airship then disappeared into the darkness. (Goteborgs, Sweden Posten, Oct. 31, 1933.)

# Mauled Miner's Body Discovered, Apparent Victim of Mother Bear

Combined Wire Services RIGGINS — A Walla Walla farmer, apparent victim of a bear attack, has been found dead in a remote wooded area about 50 miles east of Riggins.

Idaho County Sheriff Gene Fuzzell identified the body as that of Max W. Peterson, 54, part owner of the Alberta Mine in the Burgdorf area. Peterson was last seen May 29 when he went to the mine.

The sheriff said Monday there was some four to six feet of snow in the area at that time, however, forcing Peterson to park his four-wheel-drive vehicle almost 10 miles west of the mine.

Fuzzell, who led the search for the missing man along with Idaho County Prosecutor Roger Swanstrom, found the body about one-half-mile

from Peterson's camp.

He ruled out any possibility that Peterson had died because of an accident or illness, saying there was "no doubt" his death was due to a mauling by a bear. The bear had crushed the man's chest and devoured most of him and his two dogs.

Peterson apparently had set some bear traps around a salt lick near where the incident occurred, Fuzzell said.

The miner had killed a year-old bear cub, skinned it and carried the meat one-half-mile back to his camp, the sheriff explained. He theorized Peterson later was attacked by the mother bear. The body was found about 300 feet downhill from where he had trapped the bear cub.

A calendar marked on June 3 was the miner's last

entry of a daily record.

On June 10 a retired Florida contractor and his son, Lloyd and Nick Collier, discovered more than \$2,000 in cash, a checkbook and receipts strewn about the driveway of the mining camp and reported their findings to the sheriff's office.

Fuzzell said Peterson didn't carry a wallet, but kept the cash and papers in a plastic bag. He speculated the man may have lost the items in the deep snow, and said there was no indication of robbery or foul play.

Relatives instituted a search for Peterson earlier this month when he failed to return on schedule. A more intensive search was started last week by sheriff's deputies in the rugged Salmon River region.

Boise, Idaho Statesman, July 28, 1970.

# ? ANOMALIES ?

We have frequently observed that the UFO occupants employ variations of nouns from ancient Greek and Roman mythology (see ANOMALY #1, page 8, and UFOS- Operation Trojan Horse, pages 228-30). Many of the nonsensical names brandished in the UFO contactee literature are clearly derivative and, in many cases, based upon sources so obscure that the reporting contactees could not have possibly been aware of their origin or meaning. All of this constitutes a slight twist on the well-known fairy "name games" of earlier epochs.

In the FSR Special #2, Beyond Condon (pages 63-5), we discussed briefly the contact claim of Maris De Long in Glendale, Calif. (1967). Mrs. De Long allegedly met members of a race from the planet "Kronin". This was apparently a variation of Kronos (also spelled Cronus), the youngest of the Titans, son of Uranus and Gaea.

Other ufonaut names stem from old demonological terms. One that baffled us for some time was "skow". Contactee Truman Bethurum claimed that the little men who first approached him in 1952 termed their vehicle a "skow". Now we have located a literary reference. Sir Walter Scott was a learned demonologist and in 1830 a collection of his letters on demonology was published. It has now been reprinted in paperback ( Letters on Demonology and Witchcraft by Sir Walter Scott, ACE books, #14256, 75¢). On page 98 we find, "The actors in these disturbances he states to be the Skow, or Biergen-Trold, i.e., the spirits of the woods and mountains, sometimes called subterranean people, and adds, they appeared in deep caverns and among horrid rocks..."

In earlier times, many learned men devoted a large part of their lives to studying and documenting the fairy and/or elemental manifestations. The late Sax Rohmer, creator of Fu Manchu, was also a demonologist and recently his book, The Romance of Sorcery, has been reprinted in paperback (Paperback Library, #65-281, 95¢). In that work he quotes extensively from a book published in 1801 which described and defined the basic elemental manifestations (pages 43-50) and included obvious descriptions of what we now regard as UFO occupants. The materializations of strange, unearthly animals is also described in much of this early literature.

THE MIND PATROL: We have discovered many non-fiction books which describe UFO contactee-like experiences completely outside the limits of the UFO frame of reference. One of the most fascinating is The Ultimate Frontier by Eklal Kueshana (published in 1963 by The Stelle Group, P.O. Box 5900, Chicago, Ill. 60680; \$1.00). This is purportedly the biography of a young man who began to have experiences with elemental types at the age of 12. UFOs are not mentioned at all but the myth of the planet "Klarian" is presented on page 32. Researchers who have been involved in personal studies of contactees will recognize the many contactee-type experiences outlined.

The elementals who appeared before the young man did not pose as spacemen but represented themselves as members of a "powerful, ultra-secret brotherhood". Much of the information in the book is identical to the info usually passed along to contactees. Just as the fairies of the Middle Ages represented "the secret commonwealth", the modern "Brothers" have posed variously as the Illuminati or as representatives of some super-civilization in the sky.

In The Ultimate Frontier, this "X-group" is referred to as "The Black Mentalists". This is fairly well defined in the book and the "Black Mentalists" are another variation of the "Mind Patrol", so popular in whispered UFO lore. Must reading for the open-minded researcher.

#### MORE ON THE "WEDNESDAY PHENOMENON"

In our pilot study of 730 low-level UFO reports in 1966 we noted that the highest percentage of sightings seemed to take place on Wednesdays. Recently the American Flying Saucer Investigating Committee, 1773 Lattimer Drive, Columbus, Ohio, completed an independent study of 929 UFO reports from the year 1968. They found that the highest number, 152, took place on Wednesdays. So Wednesday is still the best day of the week to go looking for UFOs.

Loren Coleman, our Illinois monster sleuth, has been preparing a similar study of monster reports. Preliminary figures (the study is far from complete) points to Friday as the busiest day for monsters, with 30% of the reports recorded on that date. Monday trails with about 20% and Wednesday lags behind with slightly less than 15%. The major cluster of monster reports centered around the 21st to 30th of the month, following the UFO pattern outlined in ANOMALY #4.

Additional studies of this type are desperately needed. If you have the data, incentive and know-how, please join us. We aren't trying to prove anything. We're trying to find out something. It does appear that all paranormal events follow a mysterious time cycle. We are trying to untangle it.

ORLAND PACKER'S ORDEAL : On page 46 of Strange Creatures From Time and Space we briefly mentioned how Mr. Orland Parker was attacked by a giant snake while horseback riding near Kenton, Ohio on June 9, 1946. This story has been mentioned often in

various articles and books, such as Brad Steiger's World of the Weird, page 86 (Belmont paperbacks, 1966). Now we have received a letter from Mrs. Orland Packer (not P-A-R-K-E-R) offering more details. Mr. Packer is still alive but has been crippled since the incident. The snake, described as having "a flat head and a diamond shape on its back" first struck the horse "in the side and took off a patch of hair". It then nipped Mr. Packer in the heel. He "finally had to have his heel cut out as it would not heal", Mrs. Packer states. "He was on crutches for two years... His fever would rise till he would almost go out of his head then after he broke out in sweats where you could wring water out of his clothes. I changed his bed several times a day so I know," she continues. "Several other people in that community had seen similar snakes. This was not identified as a boa constrictor." The Packers now live in Forest, Ohio.

Another case discussed in both World of the Weird and Strange Creatures... (pages 84-5 in World, page 47 in Creatures) concerned the celebrated monster wave around Lebanon, Pa. in 1946. A former resident of Lebanon, Curtis Sutherly, sent us the following report: "I checked the microfilm files of the Lebanon, Pa. Daily News for more info and found, to my disappointment, only a small AP item from Lebanon, Indiana! The incident never took place in Pa. at all! I hope this bit of info may help set the record straight."

Can anyone out there in Indiana look into this and help us correct the oft-repeated Lebanon, Pa. "myth"?

Finally, in FSR, May-June 1970, page 11, we mentioned the disappearance of the French dirigible "Dixmude" in 1923 and suggested that someone should research the incident. Our source was an aviation encyclopedia and we lacked the time to look up further details. However, it turns out that Mr. Lyle Gaulding of the International Fortean Organization was way ahead of us. His article, "Mysteries of the Airship Age", appeared in the Spring 1967 issue of the INFO JOURNAL (pages 22-25) and carefully summarized the Dixmunde disaster. (Yes, our encyclopedia even spelled the name wrong!) The body of the airship's captain, Commander de Plessis, was found by fishermen off the island of Sicily on Dec. 29, 1923. No trace of the other 51 passengers was ever discovered.

All of this proves, again, that despite our backbreaking efforts to be accurate, we can and do make mistakes. Lots of them.

CHARLES FORT once suggested that there's somebody up there fishing for us. On Sunday, August 2, 1970, a silver "fishline" dropped out of the sky over the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, 85 Forest Avenue, Caldwell, N.J. It dangled down to 150' above the ground, the other end disappearing into the sky, and it remained dangling for several days. It appeared to be silver but a piece of it has now been obtained and it is similar to nylon fishline. On the afternoon of Aug. 31, Mrs. Smith heard a loud sound, like a jet breaking the sound barrier, and then noted that the string had fallen into her yard. The local police came by at 3:30 a.m. the next morning to collect the material. A story on this business appeared in the Caldwell, N.J. Progress, Aug. 6, 1970.

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The information contained in this newsletter is printed primarily for the Flight Operations Department and Flight Personnel of VFON member airlines. This newsletter is also sent to research agencies making beneficial use of its contents. Please advise this office of any further distribution of this newsletter to other agencies that might likewise find the information useful.

Following are statistics compiled from the "Volunteer Flight Officer Network" project as of this date:

Airlines participating	117
Countries cooperating	54
Total Flight crew members involved	45,961
Total unduplicated air route miles	2,809,046
Total reports received	2,168

Broken down as follows:

- 1754 Bright fireball sightings
- 105 Reports of 43 different satellite re-entries
- 54 Infrasonic sightings
- 46 Reports of cataloged and uncataloged debris re-entries
- 71 Unidentified sightings
- 160 Reports now being processed
- 40 Reports that were sent in as unknown and have since been identified as:  
bright naked eye visible satellites; weather balloons; satellite launches; ballistic missiles in flight; and upper atmosphere rocket probes (cloud type).

#### UNUSUAL SIGHTING

A most unusual event was observed from the area of the Bahamas last June. A consolidated report of several observers follows.

Looking Northwesterly at about 9:30 P.M. local daylight time, a bright moving point of light was noticed. From the center of the light, a dome-shaped cloud formed that was generally smoky to milky. The cloud expanded rapidly to a diameter of approximately 75 to 90 degrees in the sky and was very bright. After reaching full size, it gradually began to fade and became somewhat transparent in places. The cloud persisted for about thirty minutes and then it seemed to blend into the nighttime sky.

Investigations revealed that a most unusual combination of usual circumstances caused the phenomenon. A Poseidon rocket was launched from Cape Kennedy on 21 June at 9:31 P.M. L.D.T. As the rocket and its exhaust rose above the Earth's shadow, the reflection of the Sun on the rocket caused it to appear as a bright point of light. The exhaust spewing from the rocket's engine expanded in the vacuum of space in such a way as to cause the large dome-shaped cloud. Apparently, the great expansion of the rocket's exhaust gases, coupled with the relative positions of the Sun, cloud, shadow line and observers, created this unusual spectacle.



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# A Young Man Examines the Strange World We Live In

By ANNE T. SMITH

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The clean-shaven, 33-year-old man with the conservative haircut and serious blue eyes, didn't look like a prolific writer in an unusual field—the para-normal.

Brad Steiger is the author of several books on psychic phenomena, including, "Voices From Beyond," "Real Ghosts," "Restless Spirits and Haunted Minds," "ESP: Your Sixth Sense" and his latest, "Other Lives," in conjunction with Loring G. Williams, which deals with the subject of reincarnation through hypnotic regression.

"I have been interested in the para-normal since childhood," Steiger said over the luncheon table in the Tower Restaurant. "I lived on an Iowa farm in a house where footsteps sounded periodically and doors opened and closed by themselves. But I have no psychic abilities nor can I be hypnotized."

"I was brought up in a strongly orthodox Lutheran household and at the bat of an eye lash I almost studied for the ministry." Instead he became a teacher of literature, journalism and creative writing on both the secondary and college levels from 1957-1967. He also edited a literary magazine and co-edited his own international magazine on UFO's.

"At first, I had a rejection of the para-normal on an emotional religious bias. But I can't take lightly nor be dogmatic about such phenomena. It is hard for the brain to ignore and reject such manifestations. Man is more than conditioned reflexes and biological craving and instincts, man is spiritual."



—Herald-Examiner Photo

**BRAD STEIGER:** You can't ignore the para-normal.

Steiger made the point that in his writings he approaches the subject dispassionately and lets the reader make up his or her own mind. He is always aware of the "uneasy power" of the written word. He believes that the climate for acceptance of the para-normal is better now than it has been.

"I am against drugs, not only for their danger, but because they create an artificial experience, serve as a crutch. The world is still there afterward."

Steiger appears frequently on radio and TV in this country and Canada. He co-hosts "Threshold," a series of radio interviews with unusual people, with Robert Cummings, Canadian broadcast journalist. The Canadian radio series, "Strange Fate," draws heavily upon his material.

He also travels a great deal and visits psychics and attends seances. He says that

Some flying saucer organizations have been sniping at Brad Steiger for a very weird reason: because he teaches "Creative Writing" at a midwest college. The insinuation is that "Creative writing" is just another term for irresponsible reporting. Actually Mr. Steiger has an impressive background and has made many valuable contributions to UFO research. We need more like him.

there are fine psychics who are completely sincere, but who are sometimes too emotionally involved to be capable of correctly interpreting phenomena. He says that there are also "vultures" in the field who prey upon the emotionally crippled.

He was in Los Angeles to speak on "Prophets, Clairvoyants and Other Peculiar People" at Paul Twitchell's third world wide seminar on Eckankar, which has to do with esoteric Eastern religions applicable to modern man, of which Twitchell is the prime exponent.

Steiger's home is in Highland Park, Ill., where he lives with his wife and four children, Brian 12, Steven 10, Kari 8 and Julie 4.

He writes from 10 a.m. until lunchtime. Then writes until 4 p.m. when he works out in his gymnasium. His hobby is weight-lifting. The dinner hour and afterward is devoted

to his children and sometimes he returns to his writing after they are in bed.

He lives his belief that modern man must stay in society and assume responsibility for his family and his job.

## Lightning Struck Church, Fire Hall

The steeple of the Margaretville Methodist church was struck by lightning Sunday night during the thunderstorm. Several beams were split and shingles torn from the roof. There was no apparent damage to the bell or speaker system.

Lightning also affected the timer motor on the siren in the firehall. The siren was not damaged, but the timer that sounds the siren at noon will have to be replaced.

**Catskill Mountain News**  
(N.Y.) 9/3/70.

**VISION IN BALTIMORE.** From a press release by Hiram Whittle, P.O. Box 571, Baltimore, Md. 21203:

"The following incident happened between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 1966, while more than 35,000 Witnesses of Jehovah were attending the God's Sons of Liberty District Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Memorial Stadium in the City of Baltimore, Maryland: A dark cloud rolled over the sky over the western side of Memorial Stadium casting a gently rolling dark shadow on the grass...This dark cloud suddenly reversed itself and began rolling in the opposite direction! Then, suddenly, what appeared to be two pillows of clouds appeared in the sky and opened and revealed the image of a woman lying on a cloud in a position as if she was about to give birth to a baby! This whole incident took place in less than 30 to 40 seconds!"

(Sanderson- Cont'd from page 67)

That which these thinkers have done is simply to assemble straightforward reports on the results of seriously conducted enquiries into the nature of this "other world" (or universe[s], if you want), and present what evidence there is now available through our so-beloved and much-vaunted technology for its (their) existence(s). And not only Vallee and Keel are in agreement; there are now many others such as Aimé Michel and Edward Naumov, and such enormous hegemonies as the Roman Catholic Church and half a dozen federal governments. Keel's basic theme is that not only UFOs but a whole gamut of other constantly reported mysteries are not extraterrestrial (per se) but what he calls ultraterrestrial, which is to say emanating from this "other world". Strange indeed that we once again come back to good old Charlie Fort who, now so long ago, suggested that we might be nothing but the property of some other, if not higher, intelligence, which actually controls us in every respect, even unto our evolution. But this is just what the new understanding and 'acceptance' implies.

#### Escaped Lion Killed in Maine

WARREN, Me. Aug. 8 (AP)—

A six-month-old African lion was shot and killed here this week in woods near the old Knox Arboretum, where it had escaped four days earlier by jumping from a second-story window.

#### Bear Is Killed In Maryland City

CUMBERLAND, Md. (UPI)—

A 300-pound black bear was chased by police for 2½ hours in the downtown district early Wednesday and then shot and killed in front of the police station. JUNE 1970

Commentary by Charles Bowen,  
editor, **FLYING SAUCER REVIEW**,  
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John Keel is adept at stirring emotions. Articles of his in *Flying Saucer Review* have given rise to many pleasant letters from readers. They have also provoked some in which I have read that he is a madman, a maniac, a charlatan, a liar; that he fabricates stories to suit his own purposes; that he would suffer incontinence of the bladder if he met a man in a black roll-neck sweater; that he is a yellow journalist. Such is the abysmal level of some of the "scientific" criticism to be found among devotees to this subject.

What is it about John Keel that can stir up such reactions? Is it jealousy, prompted by the fact that he is a professional journalist who is considered to have battened on to the subject? Or is it because he possesses an open mind, and appreciates that with this subject it is essential to study every aspect—with the result that he has ploughed through masses of reports of "lights in the sky", of low-level sightings, of radar and "auto-stop" cases, of landings and creatures; that he has delved deep into the history of the subject, and conducted extensive field investigations—to obtain the true picture?

#### UFOs and psychic phenomena

No, I suspect it is because he has decided that UFOs are closely related to psychic phenomena, and that the most important cases crying out for close study are those of the "contactees"—a breed derided by researchers and UFO buffs alike, and ridiculed everywhere else.

John Keel lists under the heading "contactee" not only those who claim to have had chats with the entities, to have received "messages" and to have gone for rides with them, but also the more puzzling cases like Villas Boas.<sup>1</sup> During his investigation, so he states, one contactee led to another, and he soon discovered that for every one who had gone "public", there were several who had remained silent. And, drawing on his network of these people who claimed to be having regular contact with the UFO entities, he states that he discovered patterns of experiences which correlate with the experiences of many folk in the realms of psychic phenomena.

**THE LIGHTNING SEASON :** Over eight hundred people are killed by lightning annually, plus countless cows and livestock. Still we know as little about lightning today as Ben Franklin. July-August-September seem to be the heaviest lightning months, and many lightning fatalities occur on cloudless summer days with nary a storm in sight. Recently a government-financed lightning bolt study was established in a place where electrical storms are uncommonly frequent...Socorro, N. M.

We don't pretend that these lightning deaths are related in any way to the other anomalies which command our attention, but we do feel that science has done an inadequate job of studying and understanding this oft-fatal phenomenon. The summer of 1970 produced an unusual number of lightning deaths. A vicious wave of electrical storms swept over the northeastern U.S. in August, killing many cows- often in groups- and several people. At 6 p.m. on August 23, 1970, Fred S. Sheppard, 21, and Gary F. Jolly, 20, were killed by lightning on the 18th hole of the Duke golf course, Durham, N.C. Both were riding in a golf cart when the bolt struck, so, presumably, they were not even grounded. There was no evidence of damage to the cart itself. The ground around the cart was torn up and blackened. Gary Jolly was the son of a Durham police officer. (See ANOMALY #4 for the death of a Maine police officer by lightning.) Another Durham man, Thomas H. Underwood, 82, was struck by lightning and critically injured on Wednesday, Aug. 19th. Lightning also broke windows (?) and damaged an electrical panel box at the residence of Lee V. Mann on the evening of the 23rd. (Durham, N.C. Morning Herald, Aug. 24, 1970. Courtesy of Angelo Capparella III.)

Odd footnote: Dwight David Eisenhower was struck directly by a bolt of lightning at the age of 17. He was completely uninjured.

#### MORE LIGHTNING STORIES:

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Walton, N.Y. Reporter  
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## Lightning Kills 2 More Gridders

CLEVELAND (AP) — Two suburban Beachwood HS football players were killed yesterday when struck by lightning as they were leaving the school practice field.

The boys were identified as Arny Finkle and Robert Jacobs.

Two young gridders were killed when struck by lightning Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla., as their team huddled on the practice field.

## Lightning Bolt Kills 4 in Manila

MANILA (AP) — Four high school pupils were killed by a lightning bolt during a softball game yesterday on an open field in Laguna Province south of Manila.

See also pages 75, 84

Six September cows in the herd of Gary Tweedie on the former J. Alston Hulbert farm at MacGibbon Hollow were killed by lightning during the night Sunday when lightning crackled over the Walton area for more than an hour. Mr. Tweedie valued the fall-freshening Holsteins at \$450 each, and said the loss was partly covered by insurance. They were standing beneath a tree, but Mr. Tweedie could find no evidence of the lightning having struck the tree. Also killed on the Tweedie farm was a work hourse which had been used by Lloyd Gray to get out logs. The animal was owned by Mr. Tweedie. Richard LaTourette of Trout Creek lost four cows from lightning during the storm.

# Probe Shows MU Guard Not Beaten

State's Atty. Basil G. Greanias said Friday that an investigation by his office revealed that a Millikin University security guard who told police he was beaten by three men while making his rounds July 27 was not in fact beaten.

"There was no victim, no defendants and no crime," Greanias said at a news conference.

Because of "inconsistencies and factual voids" in the case, Greanias said he ordered a detailed investigation by Gerald J. Sheehy, his investigator.

That investigation revealed, Greanias said, that the guard, William J. Mathias, 3847 Arthur Ct., an employe of Pinkerton's Inc., "was not bloody, had no significant bruises, contusions, abrasions or fractures which would support his report of the alleged beating."

Greanias said Mathias' physician told the state's attorney's office that Mathias has, for at least the past three years, suffered from a neurological condition.

"In the opinion of the physician at the time of the incident," Greanias said, "Mr. Mathias had suffered a seizure which would produce scratches and contusions on the extremities consistent with Mr. Mathias' condition at the time he was admitted to the hospital."

Two suspects were questioned by police about the reported attack, but Greanias said Sheehy's investigation shows they were in no way involved.

Greanias said that because of Mathias' neurological ailment there will be no prosecution of him for making a false report to police.

"He didn't know he had had a seizure until we told him," Greanias said.

Greanias said he took the unusual step of calling a press conference to divulge results of the investigation because of extensive news coverage of the alleged attack and because it is the duty of the state's attorney's office not only to prosecute persons believed guilty but to exonerate persons shown to be innocent.

## XENOPHOBIA

### Guard Insists He Was Beaten At Millikin

A Millikin University security guard insists that he was the victim of a beating July 27 when he was making his rounds of inspection.

William J. Mathias of 3847 Arthur Ct., an employe of Pinkerton's, Inc., in a letter mailed to the various news media of the city, has disputed a denial of the beating.

In a press conference last week Basil G. Greanias, state's attorney, said, "There was no victim, no defendants and no crime" in commenting in the alleged beating.

In announcing there would be no prosecution in the case, Greanias reported an attending physician said, "Mr. Mathias had suffered a seizure which would produce scratches and contusions consistent with his condition at the time he was admitted to the hospital."

Mathias said he has not been told by his physicians of the alleged seizure.

"If they did say this, they have done so without first informing me or securing my permission."

Greanias said he has examined the medical and hospital records to get the evidence which supports the statement of the physician.

Mathias also claims that Greanias told him if he did not drop his complaint there would be a press conference called which would make Mathias "look very bad."

Greanias said there was no pressure used in the investigation or during discussions with Mathias.

Greanias said Mathias refused to submit to lie detector tests but the persons identified by Mathias as the attackers did.

Greanias said the persons questioned asked to be given the tests.

"These tests, according to the examiner, showed the two men were not involved," Greanias said.

Greanias said there is also evidence that Mathias did not punch a time clock at scheduled times on the day of the alleged beating.

### Parking Tickets a Mysterious Plague

Police in Carthage, Mo., were trying to figure out today who overparked—three times—on the city streets, after a Kansas City man cited for each offense said it wasn't he.

When Charles Masur, 7596 Walnut street, received the first violation notice, he chose to ignore it. The second, received in January this year, triggered a letter of denial to Clyde Epperson, Carthage police chief. The third notice cited overparking on August 22 and ordered Masur to appear in police court Wednesday.

Each citation noted Masur's correct license plate number, but Carthage records show the offending vehicle was a Ford. Masur drives a Chevrolet. A check of state records disclosed no duplicate of Masur's license number.

Masur said he hasn't been in Carthage in 10 years.

Kansas City Star, Sept. 15, 1969

### 'Visitors' weren't escapees

For several hours Tuesday, it appeared that a pair of Menard Prison escapees had spent the previous night in Herrin. But it evidently was a case of mistaken identity.

About 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, a cook at South Side School saw two men walking through the kitchen and cafeteria at the school. Principal Les McCollum said the cook, the only person on duty at the time, thought the men must be termite inspectors but reported the incident to her supervisor.

When McCollum later questioned the cook, he said, her description of the men seemed to resemble that of two Menard escapees who were still at large at the time. He notified Herrin police.

But since the escapees were captured Tuesday night near the prison, it's unlikely that they had been in the Herrin area or spent the night at the school, police said. The identity of the school's two "visitors" remains a mystery.

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### Hog Thefts Investigated

Salem (Special)

The Marion county sheriff's office is still investigating a series of "hognappings" in the area during the past month, but has turned up no new clues.

Deputy G. M. Walker estimated that 24 hogs have been stolen in the last three weeks and many more than that over a period of the last three or four months.

Walker said the most recent thefts occurred on the A. J. Stephens farm near Salem when four hogs were stolen either Saturday or Sunday night.

### Bears Roam in Anchorage, Irking Biggest Alaskan City

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Anchorage, Alaska's biggest city, is being bothered by bears.

A biologist for the Department of Fish and Game, said nearly 40 complaints about black bears wandering in and around the city had been received in six weeks.

He said the influx was occurring because most of the animals were young bruins who had established no territory of their own and were looking for a good place to settle down.

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Towanda, Pa. has been the site of many peculiar UFO incidents in recent years.

Followup on the St. Petersburg, Fla. tragedy (page 77). A total of 22 people were injured by that lightning bolt. Robert Newton, 17, and Vincent Williams, 16, were killed. Two others were hospitalized in critical condition. Eight others were also hospitalized. Ten more were treated for shock and burns and were released.

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A massive nationwide UFO flap seems to have started late in August and is continuing. Early in August a spectacular flap occurred in Prescott, Arizona. Sightings in New York state have skyrocketed. We are currently investigating a case involving thousands of witnesses in New York's Central Park. A low-flying classic UFO hovered above the audience at an outdoor concert there on Sept. 5th. The concert was interrupted while everyone watched as the object projected a powerful beam of light into the park. We will publish a complete report on this later.

Illinois was in the midst of a monster wave all summer, mostly of the "phantom cat" variety. \$2000 worth of cattle and swine were reported missing near the monster areas around Kickapoo Creek and Salt Creek.

Meanwhile, UPI reported "a seven-foot tall ape-like creature weighing an estimated 300 pounds, with white fur and pink eyes" around Benton, Wisconsin. The usual search parties turned out. We are trying to get more detailed information. Wisconsin readers- send us anything you might have on this.

More than 120 dead birds have been found around Chilliwack, B.C. in Canada. "John Rogers said the birds were found this week on the ground, all pointing in a generally southerly direction with wings outspread as in flight. He said autopsies on some of the birds show they died of massive internal hemorrhage and he thinks this was caused by poisonous mustard nitrate gas in the atmosphere. He said he believes this is a natural phenomenon which occurs rarely." (Credit: John Magor.) Old-timers will remember the massive deaths and disappearances of birds around Tacoma, Washington in 1947 at the time of Kenneth Arnold's investigation into the famous Maury Island mystery.

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